

**MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH ● BUREAU OF EARLY INTERVENTION**



**Early Hearing Detection and Intervention in Mississippi (EHDI-MS)  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 17, 2018 ● 10:00AM – 12:00PM  
Jackson Medical Mall**

PRESENT	MEMBERS	AFFILIATION	ROLE
	C.G. Marx (Chair)	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Audiologist/Personnel Prep
X	Alyce Stewart	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: Newborn Screening
	Ashley Grillis	<i>UMMC, Audiology Clinic</i>	Audiologist
X	Augusta Bilbro	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: CYSHCN Program
	Ben Wagenknecht	<i>State Office of the DHH</i>	Adult DHH
X	Callie Daniels	<i>MS Hands &amp; Voices</i>	GBYS Deaf Guide
X	Charlotte Warfield	<i>Magnolia Speech School</i>	Early Interventionist
X	Christina Perigoe	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Personnel Prep
X	Christopher Spankovich	<i>UMMC, Audiology Clinic</i>	Audiologist
	Claude F. Harbarger	<i>UMMC, ENT Clinic</i>	ENT
X	Haley Rishel	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Early Interventionist
X	Jane Luter	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Personnel Prep
	John McMahon	<i>MS Hands &amp; Voices</i>	GBYS Deaf Guide
X	Julie Seawright	<i>MS Hands &amp; Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide
X	Kaye Carr	<i>SKI*HI Early Intervention</i>	Early Intervention Provider
X	Kim Ward	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Audiologist/Personnel Prep
	Kolesha O' Quinn	<i>State Office of the DHH</i>	DHH Family Member
X	Krista Guynes	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Home Visiting Program
X	Laura Gremillion	<i>MSD: SKI*HI Early Intervention</i>	Early Interventionist
	Leigh Ann Leonard	<i>Forrest General Hospital</i>	Newborn Hearing Screener
	Lori Ates	<i>MS Hands &amp; Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide
X	Marilyn Johnson	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: MCH Block Grant
X	Rebecca Lowe	<i>University of Mississippi, Speech &amp; Hearing Clinic</i>	Speech & Hearing Clinic/ Personnel Prep
	Sandra Edwards	<i>Mississippi School for the Deaf</i>	Early Intervention Provider
	Susie B Phillips	<i>American Academy of Pediatrics, MS Chapter</i>	AAP Chapter Champion
X	Valecia Davis	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Part C of IDEA
X	Valerie Linn	<i>Magnolia Speech School</i>	Early Intervention Provider
	Virginia "Austin" Harrison	<i>American Academy of Pediatrics, MS Chapter</i>	AAP Chapter Champion
X	Wendy Rosas-Altieri	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	WIC Representative
	Ykeya Springer	<i>MS Hands &amp; Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide

**Additional Attendees:**

EHDI PROGRAM STAFF	ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS
Stacy Callender, <i>EHDI-MS Director</i> Lakeisha Unger, <i>Hearing Follow-up Coordinator</i> Skyler Jackson, <i>Hearing Follow-up Coordinator</i> Marty Chunn, <i>Learning Collaborative Facilitator</i> Xiaojian "Jack" Liu, <i>EHDI Data Manager</i>	Amy Holley, <i>UMMC Interpreter</i>

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**Minutes**

**Welcome/ Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. All participants were welcomed and introduced themselves.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes from the June 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections.

- Correction to the minutes: Page 4, "The next meeting schedule for..." was corrected to read September 7, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and approved without additions.

**EHDI-AC Orientation**

S. Callender provided an orientation to the members reviewing the prevalence and impact of hearing loss, the national standards from the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing, the history of the EHDI Program in Mississippi, the role of the Advisory Committee, the mission and 1-3-6 Goals of the EHDI-MS, data from the most recent Hearing Screening and Follow-up Survey (birth cohort 2016), program funding, and goals and activities of the EHDI-MS.

- K. Ward recommended the 1-3-6 Goals language be changed from 3-*Diagnostic Evaluation* to 3-*Identification*
- When S. Callender noted a third outpatient screening was optional, K. Ward recommended eliminating it altogether as it could be a barrier meeting the 1-3-6 Goals.

**EHDI-AC Business**

**Bylaws:**

- It was recommended for the newly formed Advisory Committee to develop bylaws to govern meetings and activities.
- Volunteers were solicited. Valerie Linn volunteered to assist.

**Leadership:**

- C.G. Marx, who has served as the Chair, was recommended to continue to serve as Chair.

**Meeting Schedule:**

- Regular meetings will be scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month 12-3 p.m. during March, June, September, and December.
- Due to the conflict with the Winter/Christmas holidays, the next meeting was scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup> (12:00-3:00 pm) to be held in the MSDH Osborne Auditorium.

**Annual Priorities:**

- Improve data sharing to increase timely follow-up and improved outcomes for children
- Increase awareness and understanding among professionals and families

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- Hospital video on the importance of hearing screening and follow-up to play for families in waiting rooms (to address concerns that parents are unaware of hearing screenings for their children)
  - Encourage physicians and OB/GYNs to educate families before delivery
- Ensure families are getting the same messages from all health care providers
  - Invite MS Hospital Association (Genetics Advisory Committee has a representative from the Hospital Association)
  - Keep small hospitals in mind when providing supports as they struggle with staffing and time for training
- Strengthen partnership with the Newborn Screening (NBS) Program and the Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program

**Announcements**

- **USD Grant:** C. Spankoviach mentioned UMMC will be reapplying for a grant to expand screening and diagnostic practices using telehealth approaches in the Delta and North MS region (to increase access to timely diagnostic evaluations)
- **EHDI-MS Website edits:** Participants were requested to share resources to be posted on EHDI-MS Website
  - Family support organizations: AG Bell Chapter, MS Hands & Voices Guide by Your Side Program, and EHDI Pals to locate hearing specialists in the state
- **2018 CMV Public Health & Policy Conference** will be held September 23-25, 2018 in Burlington, VT. Information will be shared at the Mississippi EHDI Annual Conference.
- **2018 Mississippi EHDI Annual Conference** will be held October 16-17, 2018 in Jackson, MS at the UMMC Conference Center (Jackson Medical Mall). The keynote speaker will be Karl White, the Director of NCHAM
- **2019 National EHDI Annual Meeting** will be held March 2019 in Chicago, IL.
- **Natus (EHDI Information System)** will be updated soon, helping to identify problems in reporting as well as to identify children lost to follow-up. Additional efforts to conduct outreach with families of children to reduce lost to follow-up is underway.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.